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Letter dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Acting on behalf of the Belarusian Chairmanship in the Collective Security Treaty Organization, I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement of the Collective Security Treaty Organization member States (see annex) supporting the Joint Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of 15 February 2007.

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the letter dated 20 February 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement by the member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization

The member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization support the Joint Statement by the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe of 15 February 2007, which calls upon the parties to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict to avoid any action, including in the United Nations General Assembly, that could undermine the positive developments of recent months.

The member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization support the efforts of international mediators to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflicts over Abkhazia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Transnistria and South Ossetia.

Any initiatives taken in this context should facilitate the settlement of the conflicts and should be aimed at overcoming existing differences with regard to the basic principles of a settlement and at maintaining the progress made in certain negotiations.